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1. ISRAELI PRESS CARRIES WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON US TREASURY SECRETARY'S VISIT. REPORTS ON START OF VISIT IN EGYPT ARE FACTUAL.

2. EYDIOT AHARONOT (JUL 14) NY REPORTED JACKOBSON WRITES ARTICLE DESCRIBING SECRETARY'S PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND WORKING STYLE, ENDING ON NOTE THAT "SIMON HOLDS A KEY POSITION IN US ADMINISTRATION."

3. HAARETZ (JUL 14) REPORTS ON START OF TREASURY SECRETARY'S TRIP AND COMMENTS EDITORIALY: "EVEN IF WE HAVE BECOME SOMEWHAT UNCLASSIFIED

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INDIFFERENT, FOLLOWING THE FREQUENT VISITS OF DR KISSINGER AND

RECENTLY ALSO FOLLOWING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WE SHOULD KNOW HOW TO APPRECIATE (THE IMPORTANCE OF) THIS GUEST. HE IS ONE OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S MAIN LEADERS AND HIS VIEWS CARRY A GREAT DEAL OF WEIGHT ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS ECONOMIC AID. IT IS HOPED THAT THIS IS KNOWN TO HIS HOSTS HERE. THIS IS SAID NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THE VISIT. MR SIMON WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY CLOSELY ISRAEL'S NEEDS AND CAPABILITIES, NOT ONLY WITH REGARD TO STRICTLY ECONOMIC TOPICS. HE WILL NOT LEAVE HERE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE INFO WILL HAVE BEEN DENIED HIM. BUT HE SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE WARM HOSPITALITY REFLECTING NOT ONLY THE CLOSE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND US BUT ALSO JERUSALEM'S APPRECIATION OF THE GUEST, HIS PERSONALITY AND POSITION. MR WILLIAM SIMON IS A YOUNG MAN WHO HAS RISEN VERY RAPIDLY TO THE TOP ECHELON OF HIS COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATION. A MAN WITH QUALIFICATIONS SUCH AS HIS WILL NOT DISAPPEAR FROM THE PUBLIC ARENA WHEN NIXON ADMINISTRATION ENDS IN 1977. POLITENESS AND WISDOM DICTATE THAT MR SIMON SHOULD ENJOY HIS VISIT HERE, IN BOTH ITS BUSINESS AND PERSONAL ASPECTS."

4. MAARIV ECONOMIC REPORTER WRITES ON SIMON'S VISIT TO ISRAEL:
" ISRAEL'S REQUEST TO RECEIVE FROM THE US ANNUAL AID OF DOLS 1.5 BILLION FOR MILITARY NEEDS AND DOLS 0.5 BILLION FOR CIVILIAN REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AT THE CENTER OF TALKS WITH THE US TREASURY SECRETARY WHO IS DUE HERE TOMORROW TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT NIXON AND PM RABIN..." THE DECLINE OF ISRAEL'S FOREIGN CURRENCY RESERVES (DOLS 1.647 BILLION IN DECEMBER 1973 TO DOLS 1.297 BILLION IN JUNE 1974) INDICATES THE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TALKS, "ALTHOUGH A SOURCE IN THE TREASURY CLAIMED THIS MORNING THAT NO SUMS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN THE TALKS." ENCOURAGEMENT OF AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN ISRAEL, DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND DOUBLE TAXATION WILL ALSO BE TOPICS OF DISCUSSION.
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